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Evaluation of Newly Acquired Soviet 1:1,000,000 Series Sheet

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1. The map Stalinabad, J-42, that was transmitted with [REDACTED] is one of the sheets of the standard Soviet 1:1,000,000 map series. Of the approximately 180 sheets that cover the USSR, this is only the fourth postwar sheet to be procured. Of special interest is the fact that this sheet was compiled by the Military-Topographic Service and printed by the (Central?) Military-Topographic Factory imeni Dunayeva. Since previous coverage of the USSR at 1:1,000,000 had been completed by the civilian Chief Administration of Geodesy and Cartography of the MVD, this point raises an intelligence question as to whether the military are producing their own series at this scale.

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2. In addition to being a priority intelligence procurement item, this sheet makes a distinct contribution to map intelligence on a remote border area of the USSR. The representation of physical features such as contours and streams is considerably more precise than that on the latest equivalent sheet [REDACTED]

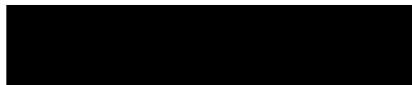
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The cultural information is also considerably more detailed. Administrative boundaries are delimited with greater accuracy and there are innumerable more place names. The representation of the transportation network is also far superior to the [REDACTED] sheet or to any other map at anywhere near this scale.

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3. This branch considered the Soviet sheet of such value as to warrant reproduction in color for distribution throughout the intelligence community.

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